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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/8/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 25, 2006 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

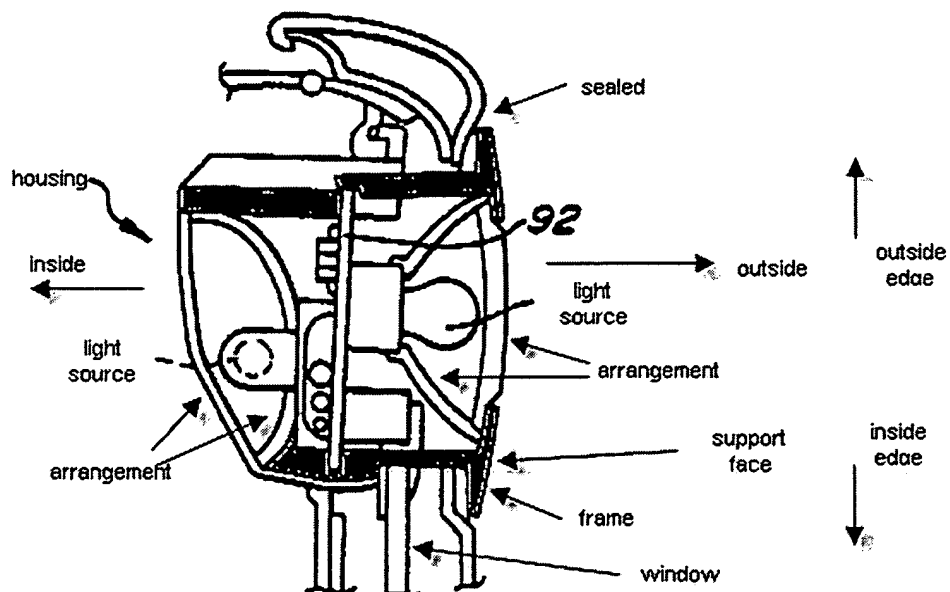
Claim 1 recites, "A framing for a window of a motor vehicle passenger compartment, the framing including a support face between an inside edge and an outside edge of the framing for being covered by the window that is connected in a sealed manner to said outside edge, the framing including an arrangement on said support face for receiving a light source, and the framing also including a housing that is opened both toward an outside of the vehicle, and towards an inside of the vehicle, the housing being arranged to receive the light source in such a manner as to enable the light source to emit light out from the housing both towards the outside and towards the inside of the vehicle."

Claim 3 recites, "A framing for a window of a motor vehicle passenger compartment, the framing including a support face between an inside edge and an outside edge of the framing for being covered by the window that is connected in a sealed manner to said outside edge, the framing including an arrangement on said support face for receiving the light source, and the framing also including a housing that is opened both towards an outside of the vehicle, and towards an inside of the vehicle, the hosing being arranged to receive the light source in such a manner as to enable the light source to emit light out from the housing both towards the outside and towards the inside of the vehicle, wherein the housing contains a moving reflector capable of taking up a first position in which the reflector sends light rays emitted by the light source

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towards the outside of the vehicle through the window, and a second position in which the reflector sends the light rays towards the inside of the passenger compartment."

Wooldridge et al. (USPN 6,086,230) teaches the framing including a support face between an inside edge and an outside edge of the framing for being covered by the periphery of the window that is connected in a sealed manner to the outside edge, the framing including an arrangement on the support face for receiving a light source and the frame also including a housing that is opened both towards an outside of the vehicle, and towards an inside of the vehicle, this housing being arranged to receive the light source in such a manner as to enable the light source to emit light out from the housing both towards the outside and towards the inside of the vehicle.



Regarding independent claim 1, none of the references disclosed the details of the frame including a housing for being covered by the vehicle window in a sealed manner, where the housing being arranged to receive the light source so that it enables

to emit light both inside and outside of the vehicle, nor is there any motivation to combine them, the claims are deemed patentable over the prior art of record.

Regarding independent claim 3, none of the references disclosed the detailed structure of the moving reflector that function (e.g., first position & second position) to emit lights in both inside and outside of the vehicle window, nor is there any motivation to combine them, the claims are deemed patentable over the prior art of record.

3. Claims 1-5 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see pages 4-6, filed July 25, 2006, with respect to claims 1, 2 and 5 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The claim rejections - 35 USC § 102 of April 25, 2006 has been withdrawn.

Response to Amendment

5. Examiner acknowledges the fact that applicant has amended claims 1 and 3. Claims 1-5 remain in the application.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hirmer (USPN 6,536,930) – panel assembly with integrated stop signal

Ohlenforst et al. (USPN 4,488,141) – glass pane for an automobile rear view window

Huang (USPN 5,628,557) – assembly tube light for window display

Mitten (USPN 4,821,158) – pre-framed lighting system for windows or doors

T. H. Richards (USPN 2,139,420) – direction signal for automobile

Becher et al. (USPN 6,666,571) – sliding roof for a motor vehicle

Singleton (USPN 5,016,145) – illuminated display vehicle ornament

Cail (USPN 5,255,165) – brake light assembly

Gabaldon (USPN 4,758,931) – vehicle light system


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Y. Choi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2367. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (10:00-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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